



Charlotte City Council
Transportation & Planning Committee
Summary Minutes
February 25, 2019

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. Charlotte Future 2040 Plan (Information)
- II. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance (Information)
- III. Vision Zero (Information)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Julie Eiselt (Chair), Greg Phipps (Vice Chair), Larken Egleston, Braxton Winston

Committee Members Absent: Dimple Ajmera

Staff Resources: Danny Pleasant, City Manager's Office
Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning, Design and Development
Garet Johnson, Planning, Design and Development
Monica Holmes, Planning, Design and Development
Debbie Smith, Charlotte Department of Transportation
Coerte Voorhees, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department

Meeting Duration: 10:32 am – 12:04 pm

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Agenda – February 25, 2019
- 2. Charlotte Future 2040 Plan Presentation
- 3. Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting Flyer
- 4. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance Presentation
- 5. Vision Zero Action Plan Presentation
- 6. Vision Zero Proclamation - Draft

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Committee Chair Julie Eiselt called the meeting to order and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

Charlotte Future 2040 Plan

Planning Director Taiwo Jaiyeoba gave a brief introduction of the Comprehensive Plan and expectations. Staff is currently working on the first phase of the plan: community engagement to create a vision and

articulate values around future land development in Charlotte. The Charlotte Future 2040 Plan will be a standing item on the committee's agenda due to its complexity and broad policy implications.

Garet Johnson updated the committee on current work and upcoming activities. The next community meetings are scheduled for March 5, 6, and 20th. Details are available at <https://charlottenc.gov/charlottefuture/2040Plan>. The City received a \$250,000 Knight Foundation Grant, which will help engage residents throughout the city with a focus on the Historic West End and West Charlotte communities.

Committee members expressed support for robust community outreach including strong social media presence. There is also interest in engaging all levels of government: county, state, and other agencies.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance

Monica Holmes and Arisa Sturgis, presented details of the draft Transit Oriented Development Ordinance amendments. TOD is about implementing policy to create a more livable city where residents have access to transit, employment, and housing choices. The current ordinance was adopted in 2003 and a TOD zoning assessment was completed in 2014. Camiros was hired in 2016 as a consultant to write the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO.)

To date, four public release drafts and the public hearing draft have been released. Staff has worked to engage various interests. The ordinance advisory committee met more than 30 times to review and influence a series of drafts. More than 15 stakeholder meetings were held with various interest groups. Staff received more than 1,000 comments.

The public hearing draft will be used through the adoption process. Staff is preparing an economic analysis report to evaluate how the changes will affect development types and markets. Staff provided details on the bonus structure proposed in the new ordinance language.

A Public Hearing of the TOD draft is scheduled for Council's March 18 meeting with adoption in April. Staff will be back before the committee next month for discussion and recommendations.

Vision Zero

Debbie Smith and Coerte Voorhees reviewed the Vision Zero Action Plan that focuses on preventing fatalities and serious injuries. Council's March 25th Business meeting agenda will include a proclamation declaring Charlotte as a Vision Zero City, which is part of being recognized by the national Vision Zero Network.

Staff reviewed the following projects completed in the past 5 years to advance Vision Zero goals:

Signal improvements

56 traffic signals installed
152 leading pedestrian intervals
activated
12 school flashing lights installed

Bicycle network

41 miles of bicycle facilities constructed
12 urban trail crossings

Pedestrian network

71 miles of sidewalk constructed
115 pedestrian crossing upgrades

Maintenance

1,151 miles of streets resurfaced
More than 2,00 potholes repaired

Street lighting

3,424 street lights added, upgraded or
transferred to the city's system

Street projects

18 major street projects constructed / initiated
12 major intersection projects
constructed/initiated

Staff reviewed future Vision Zero actions including continued sidewalk construction, adding pedestrian crossings, and testing and building bicycle network safety improvements. Staff is committed to enhancing community outreach and advocacy. Committee members were interested in lighting, especially on state maintained roads, and on the visibility of pavement markings.

CMPD and CDOT are focusing on reducing fatalities and serious injuries from speeding by:

- Lowering speed limits in problem areas
- Increase use of technology such as driver feedback displays
- Enhanced enforcement in high injury network

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.